

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5326

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning notice to individuals convicted of a sex offense as a juvenile of their ability to terminate registration requirements.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator Regala; by request of Sentencing Guidelines Commission).

**Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections**  
**House Committee on Human Services**

**Background:** A sex or kidnapping offender who committed his or her crime as a juvenile may petition the superior court to be relieved of the duty to register. The court must consider the nature of the offense committed by the petitioner as well as relevant conduct by the petitioner since the date of the offense. Standards differ depending on how old the petitioner was when the crime was committed.

- If the petitioner was 15 or older, the petitioner must show by clear and convincing evidence that future registration will not serve the interests of public safety.
- If the petitioner was under the age of 15 when the crime was committed, the court may relieve the petitioner of the duty to register if that person has not committed another sex offense for two years and can show by a preponderance of the evidence that future registration will not serve the interests of public safety.

This provision does not apply to a juvenile prosecuted as an adult.

**Summary:** No less than annually, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) must notify sex and kidnapping offenders who committed their crime as a juvenile of their ability to petition for relief from registration. The WSP may combine the notice with the annual notice that it already sends out.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	47	0
House	89	8

**Effective:** July 26, 2009

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